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Dr. Roger D. Masters
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Dear Dr. Masters:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 11 which I have read with considerable interest. Both the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. William J. Casey, and I share your concern at the need for a thorough knowledge of foreign cultures and languages by those officials of our government dealing with foreign policy, defense, and security matters. We are making every effort not only to improve the foreign language and area competence of members of the Intelligence Community, but to impress upon the members of Congress and the Administration the need to ensure adequate funding for programs both inside and outside the Intelligence Community which could encourage young men and women to specialize in such areas. We are mindful of the great value of programs such as those funded under the National Defense Education Act and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am sending David Stockman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, requesting his assistance in ensuring adequate funding for both the Translations Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and for the Department of Education's Translation and Foreign Language Studies Domestic Program.

Please be assured of my continued interest in maintaining and expanding our nation's capability in foreign language and area expertise.

Sincerely,

/s/ B. R. Inman

B. R. Inman
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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